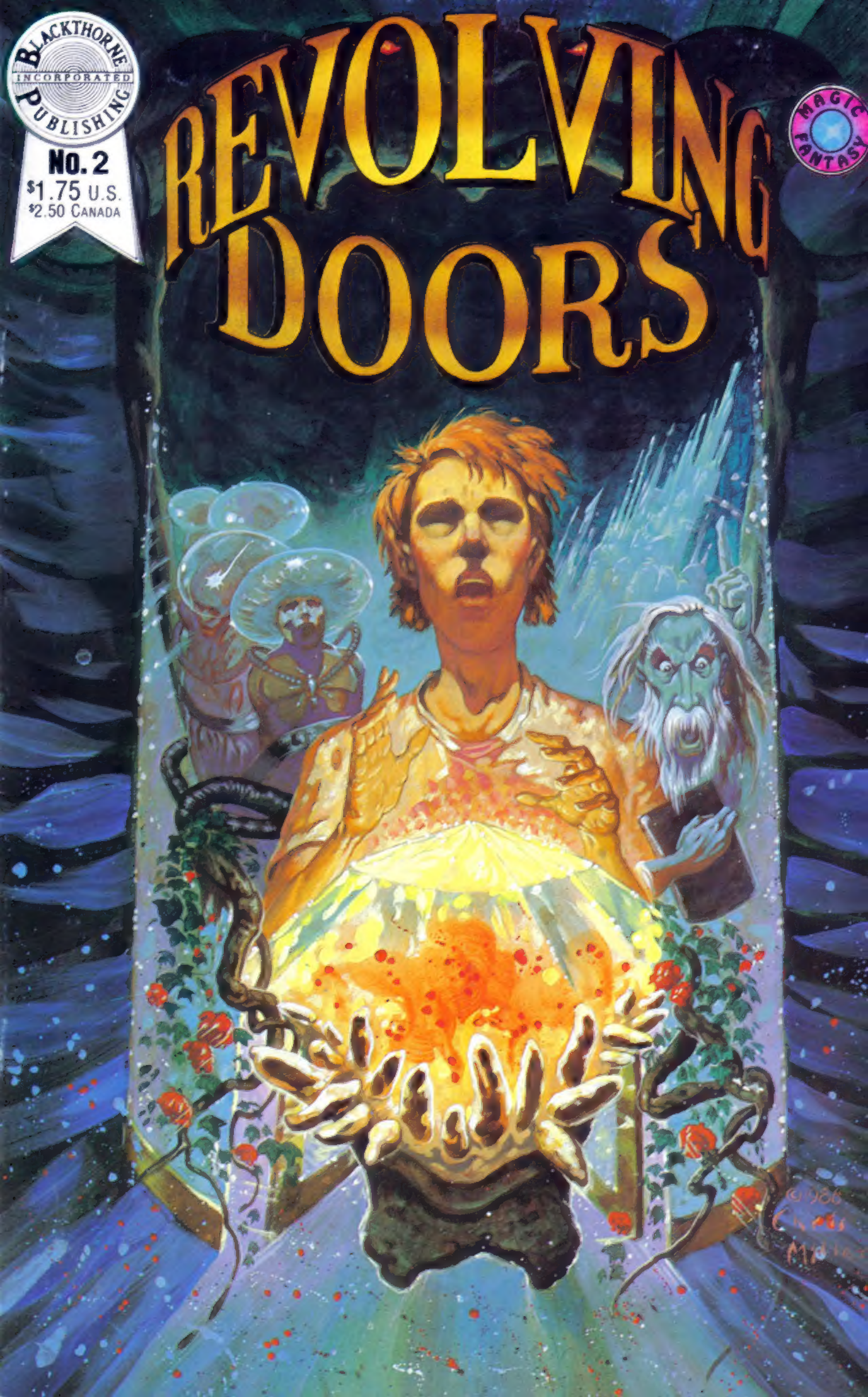
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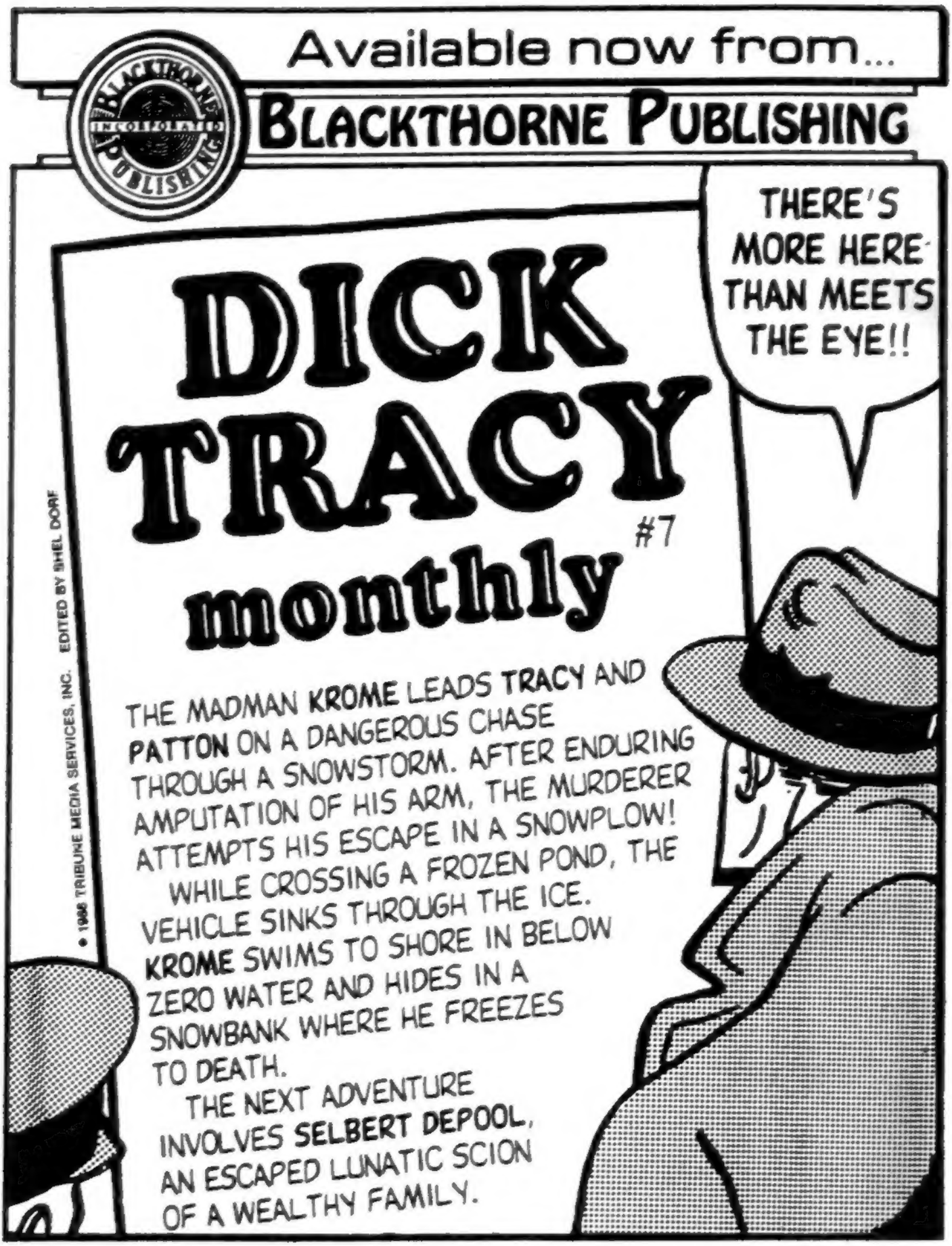
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STEPPEN STUMBLED DOWN THE TRAIL BLINDLY... WET DARKNESS MET HIS EYES AND ROOTS PULLED AT HIS FEET...
WHILE THE NIGHT STUFFED HIS SENSES WITH THE HEAVY PERFUME OF ANCIENT WOODS, SOUND TOYED WITH THE WORST OF HIS IMAGINATION.

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OH GREAT, THIS IS JUST GREAT. ...WONDERFUL...
LETTERING: MICHAEL SPACKMAN

SUDDEN FLASHES OF LIGHT ILLUMINATED NIGHT HUNTERS AND THEIR PREY...

...OR THE BRILLIANT RITUALS OF STRANGE FLYING CREATURES.

NOW WHAT?

HMM... NOT A BAD LANDING...

YUGH!
WHEW! THAT'S IT. I'M LOST...

I'VE BEEN LOST... SOME TRAIL... "THE FOREST MAY HELP." ...RIGHT... WHO'S SHE THINK SHE'S FOOLIN...
HUH?
OH,..I CAN DIG IT.

R-R-R-R-R-R
NOT AGAIN...
R-R-R-R-R-R-R-R-R-R

WOW!
WHAT IS THAT?!
STEPPEN CLIMBED TO A BETTER VIEW POINT.
HMMM, THAT MUST BE...

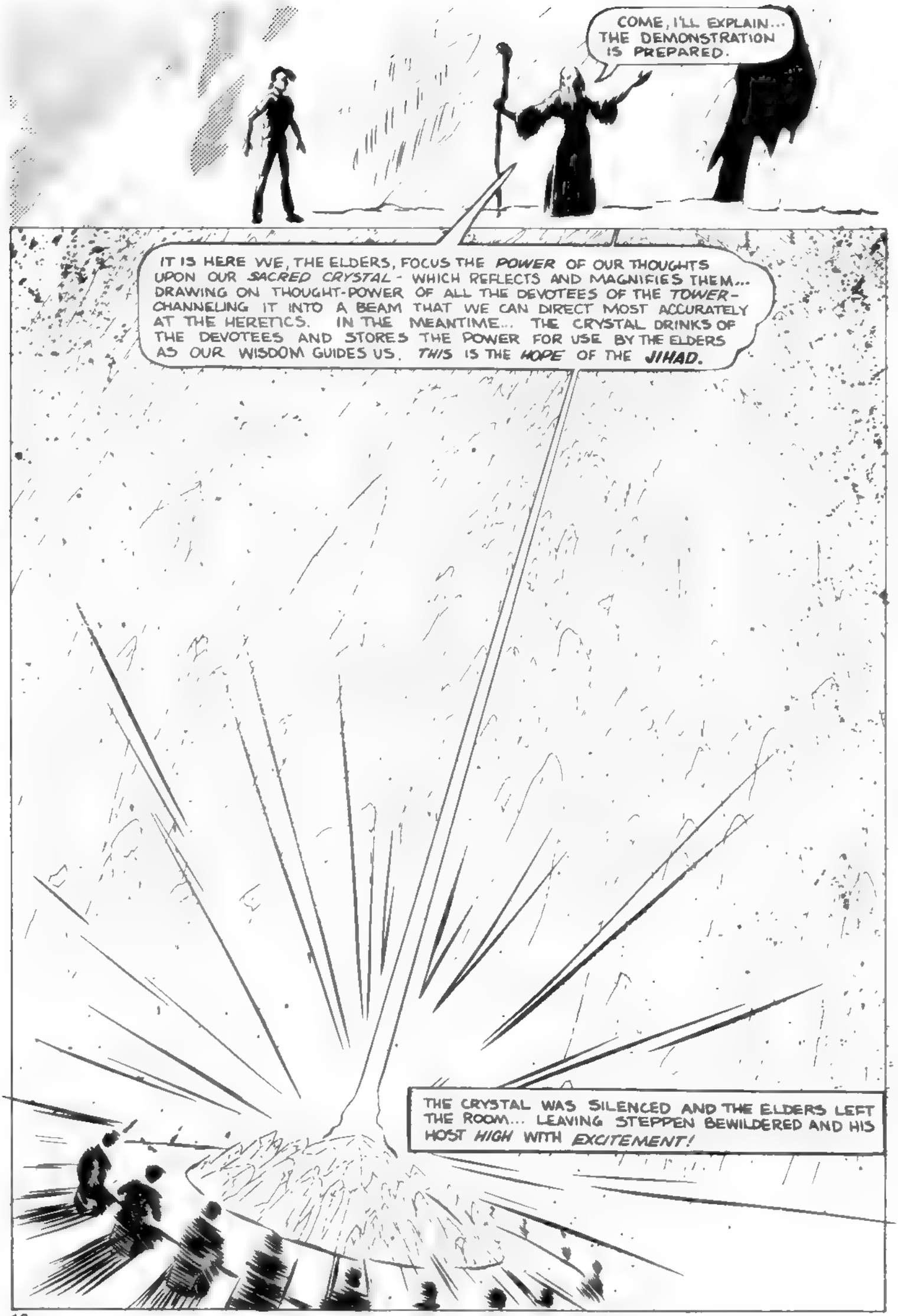
YES, THAT'S IT.
WHA..?
YOU AGAIN?
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, MAN? THESE PEOPLE THINK I'M SOMEONE ELSE... GET ME OUTTA HERE!!
EASY, KID. I'M WORKIN ON IT.
IT'S NOT SO SIMPLE...

...ANYWAY, I WAS JUST CHECKING TO SEE IF YOU WERE *DEAD* YET. ...I SEE THAT YOU'RE NOT, ...SO...
DEAD?
SEE THAT TRAIL DOWN IN THE VALLEY... FOLLOW IT TO THAT FAR RIDGE AND OVER THE HILLS..
YES, I SEE...
HUH? GONE AGAIN!?
WELL, I GUESS IT'S SIT HERE, ...OR...

GO!

EXCUSE ME, I..
HELLO, BROTHER UPSETTER... WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU...
OH YEAH,... EVERYBODY DOES.
YES. COME. THE 'ELDERS OF THE JIHAD' HAVE PREPARED A DEMONSTRATION FOR YOU.

SIGH... WHY ARE YOU SHOWING ME THIS?
TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR DECISION, OF COURSE... TO SHOW YOU THE LIGHT OF OUR HOLY CAUSE.
OH-H!...I...
A WAVE OF BLUE LIGHT SWEPT UP THE ROOM, PASSING THROUGH ALL - DRAWING POWER AND RISING THROUGH THE TOWER.
WHAT WAS THAT?
IT WENT RIGHT THROUGH ME. I FELT IT.


COME, I'LL EXPLAIN... THE DEMONSTRATION IS PREPARED.
IT IS HERE WE, THE ELDERS, FOCUS THE *POWER* OF OUR THOUGHTS UPON OUR *SACRED CRYSTAL* - WHICH REFLECTS AND MAGNIFIES THEM... DRAWING ON THOUGHT-POWER OF ALL THE DEVOTEES OF THE *TOWER* - CHANNELING IT INTO A BEAM THAT WE CAN DIRECT MOST ACCURATELY AT THE HERETICS. IN THE MEANTIME... THE CRYSTAL DRINKS OF THE DEVOTEES AND STORES THE POWER FOR USE BY THE ELDERS AS OUR WISDOM GUIDES US. *THIS* IS THE *HOPE* OF THE ***JIHAD.***
THE CRYSTAL WAS SILENCED AND THE ELDERS LEFT THE ROOM... LEAVING STEPPEN BEWILDERED AND HIS HOST *HIGH* WITH *EXCITEMENT!*

NOW!, BROTHER, DO YOU SEE?
SEE?
YES! SEE! KNOW THE RIGHT OF OUR WAY. BLEND THE POWER OF YOUR THOUGHTS WITH OURS, BROTHER...
.. BUT, . I... AREN'T YOU GUYS KINDA LIKE THOSE OTHER...
WHAT?? ARE YOU SO BLIND? YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND. WE ARE THE ONES...
WE
WE
WE!
YOU WILL BE DEALT WITH LATER.
SLAM

WHATTA CREEP.

ALONE NOW, STEPPEN WAS LEFT TO HIS THOUGHTS, ILL THOUGH THEY WERE...

DAMN!
WHAT IS THIS? SOMETHING'S GOTTA BREAK!

WITH HIS MIND CHURNING, HE STARED ABSENTLY INTO THE CRYSTAL...

AS HE STARED, DARK THOUGHTS COURSED THROUGH HIS MIND... CONFUSION, TROUBLE, AND ANGER
THE MORE HE THOUGHT THE ANGRIER HE BECAME
AND THE CRYSTAL RESPONDED...

DRAWING ON THE POWER OF HIS ANGER...
MAGNIFYING IT...
AND WHEN NO *DIRECTION* WAS PROVIDED, POWER FOUND ITS OWN DIRECTION...
...ANGER TOOK FORM...
AND IN AN *EERIE* FLASH OF LIGHT, WAS...

FREE!

ERRRGHHH- FREE AT LAST!
SMELL HATE!
IS GOOD...
WANT MORE!

EMBRACING THE HUGE STONE, HE DRANK DEEP, THE DARK POWER WITHIN...
CM
BAAWOOM

AND GREW LARGER...
FOOL!! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
ERK!

WHUMP!
UNSATISFIED, THE BEAST TURNED TO OTHER PREY...

PREY, SMART ENOUGH TO RUN!
THE DISTRACTION OF A CROWD OFFERS STEPPEN AN ESCAPE!

WHILE THE BEAST FED HIS HUNGER ON A RAMPAGE THROUGH THE CRYSTAL TOWERS...
STEPPEN FLED BACK INTO THE WILDS.
GASP!
MEANWHILE, IN A FAR-OFF PLACE, THE REVERBERATIONS OF THE DESTRUCTION ARE FELT BY ONE.

AS STEPPEN FLED FURTHER FROM THE CITY..
THE BEAST PAUSED IN HIS CARNAGE, SEEKING A PRESENCE...
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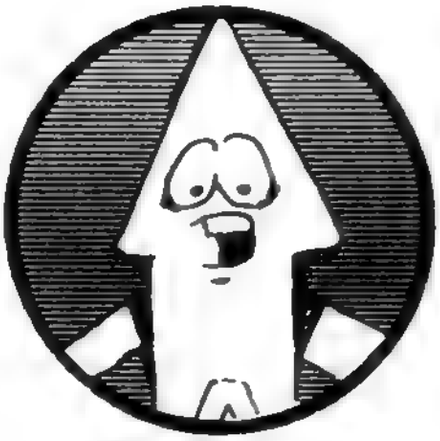

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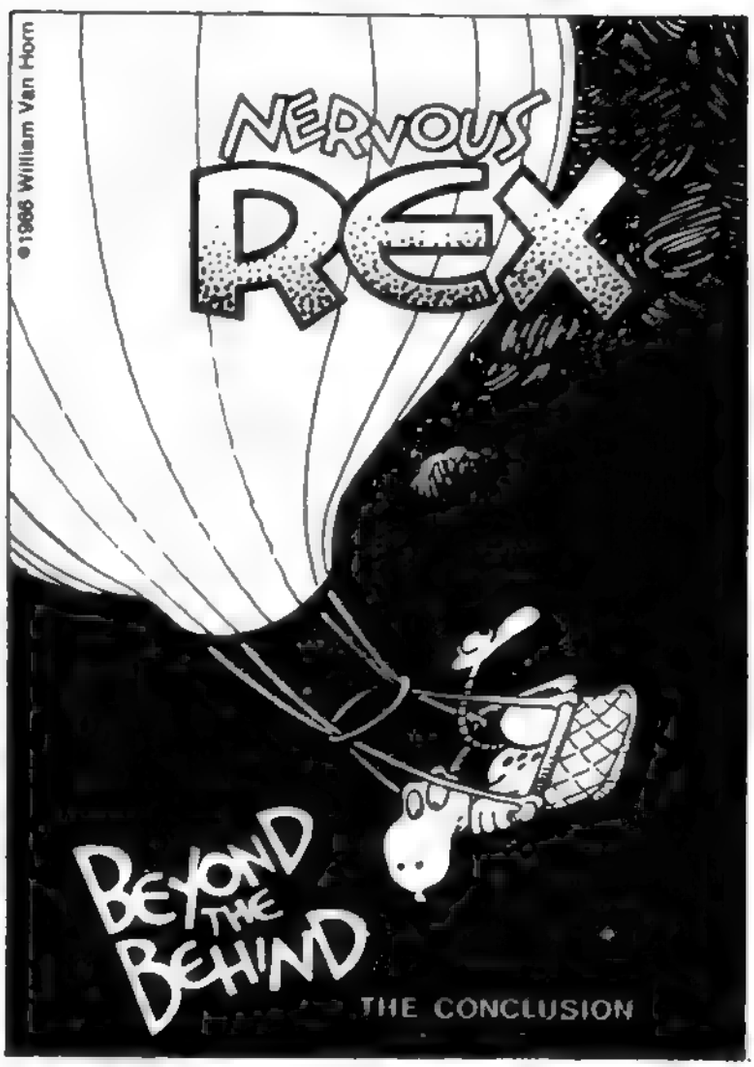

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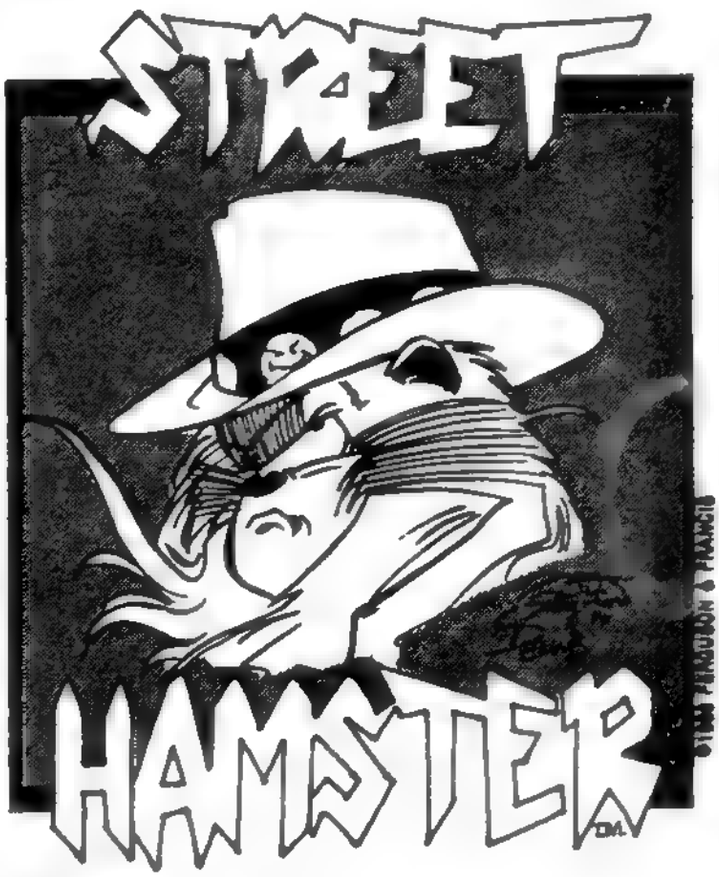

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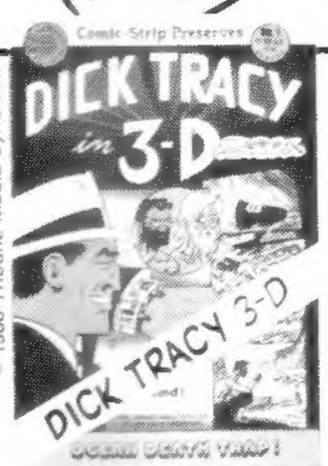

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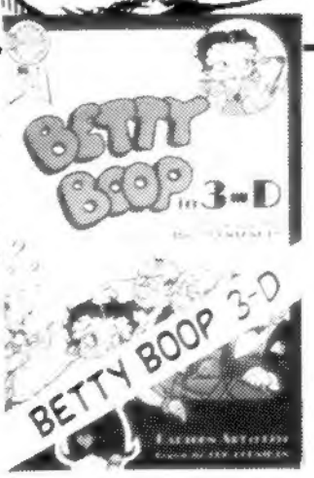

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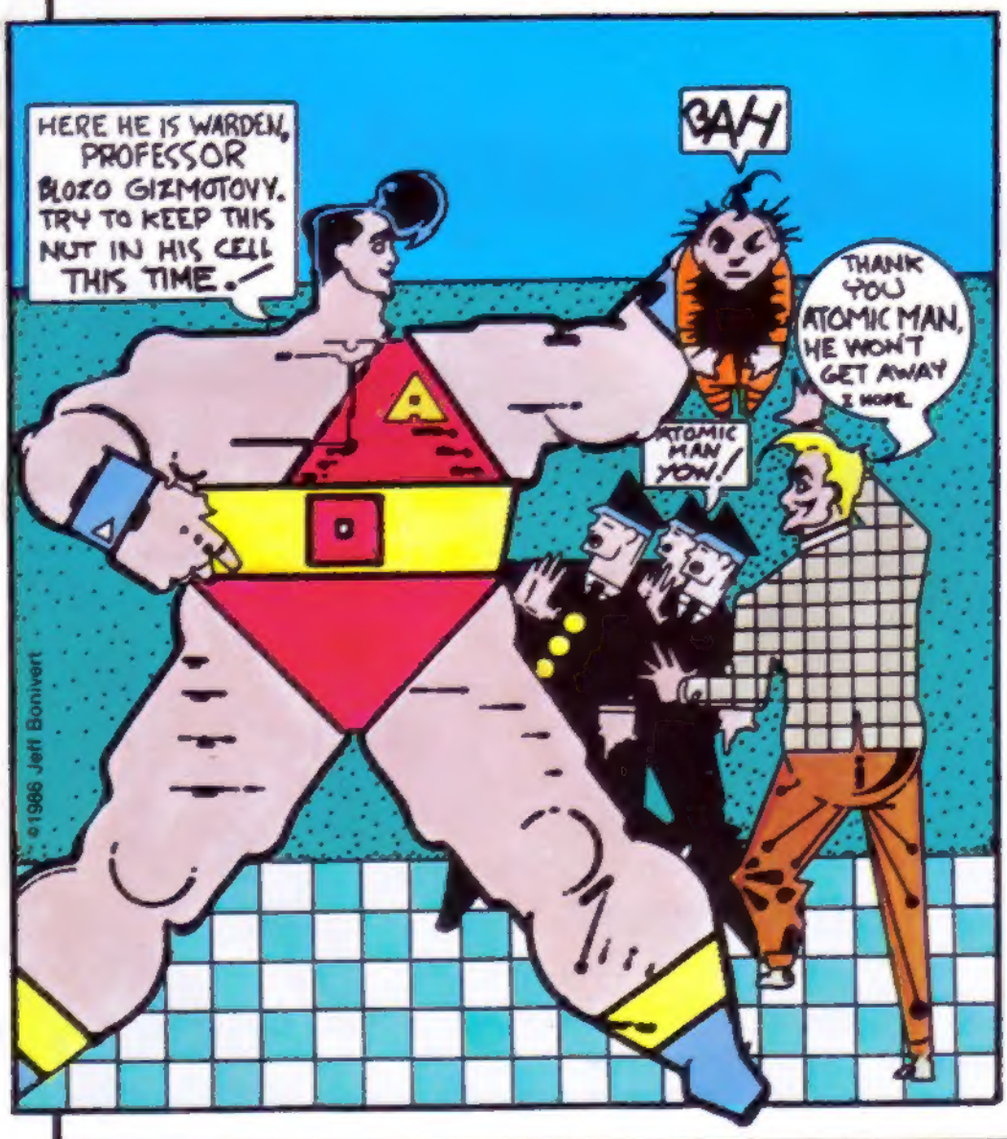
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BAH
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